GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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RESERVATION OF POSTS FOR SPORTS PERSONS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the Ministry-wise and category-wise number of posts reserved for sports persons in the central Ministries;

(b) whether this reservation is considered to be adequate;

(c) whether the Government propose to include Judo-Karate in the reservation quota;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to promote sports in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA)

(a) As per the extant Government instructions, upto 5% vacancies, in respect of Group `C` and Group `D posts, in various Government Ministries/ Departments/ Establishments, can be filled by meritorious sportspersons byrelaxing the recruitment rules, through advertisement, from time to time.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d): Judo-Karate is already one of the qualifying sports disciplines.

(e) Government is taking the following steps with a view to promoting Sports in the country:

i) The National Sports Federations are, primarily, responsible for the promotion of their concerned sports disciplines. The National Sports Federations (NSFs) have formulated Long Term Development Plans (LTDPs), covering various aspects, in consultation, inter-alia, with the Sports Authority of India (SAI). The NSFs are being assisted forcoaching of sportspersons included in the National Teams, with the help of Indian and foreign coaches, provision of requisite equipment and scientific support through the SAI.

ii) The federations are also assisted in holding National level championships and in sending sportspersons for participation in International sports events.

iii) Promising sports persons are also provided a package of assistance (up to Rs.5 lakhs) for training and up-gradationof their skills. Supporting personnel, such as, coaches and sports scientists are also assisted to undergo specialized training in India and abroad.

iv) Assistance is provided for creation of sports infrastructure, including laying of synthetic surfaces.

v) With a view to further motivating the sports persons, awards and pensions are given.

vi) With a view to broad-basing sports and achieving excellence in sports at the National and International levels, Government has launched New National Sports Policy - 2001.